

1-1 By: Taylor, Patrick S.B. No. 1263  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2013; March 13, 2013, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 2, 2013,  
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 2, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Patrick	X		
1-9	Lucio	X		
1-10	Campbell	X		
1-11	Duncan	X		
1-12	Paxton		X	
1-13	Seliger	X		
1-14	Taylor	X		
1-15	Van de Putte	X		
1-16	West	X		

1-17 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1263 By: Taylor

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to allowing parents to petition for repurposing,  
1-21 alternative management, or closure of certain public school  
1-22 campuses.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 39.107, Education Code, is amended by  
1-25 amending Subsections (e-2) and (e-3) and adding Subsection (e-4) to  
1-26 read as follows:

1-27 (e-2) For purposes of this subsection, "parent" has the  
1-28 meaning assigned by Section 12.051. Notwithstanding any other  
1-29 provision of this chapter, if [if] the commissioner is presented,  
1-30 in the time and manner specified by commissioner rule, a written  
1-31 petition signed by the parents of a majority of the students  
1-32 enrolled at a campus that is assigned an unacceptable performance  
1-33 rating under Section 39.054 for three consecutive school years [to  
1-34 which Subsection (e) applies], specifying the action described by  
1-35 Subsection (e)(1), (2), or (3) that the parents request the  
1-36 commissioner to order, the commissioner shall, except as otherwise  
1-37 authorized by this subsection, order the specific action requested.  
1-38 The commissioner shall verify that a petition received under this  
1-39 subsection contains the required number of signatures. If the  
1-40 board of trustees of the school district in which the campus is  
1-41 located presents to the commissioner, in the time and manner  
1-42 specified by commissioner rule, a written request that the  
1-43 commissioner order specific action authorized under Subsection (e)  
1-44 other than the specific action requested in the parents' petition  
1-45 and a written explanation of the basis for the board's request, the  
1-46 commissioner may order the action requested by the board of  
1-47 trustees.

1-48 (e-3) For purposes of Subsection (e-2), the petition shall:  
1-49 (1) be developed by the commissioner;  
1-50 (2) be made available to all parents or guardians of  
1-51 students enrolled at the campus;  
1-52 (3) include a copy of the proposed options listed  
1-53 under Subsection (e); and  
1-54 (4) require the signature of only one parent of a  
1-55 student [signature of only one parent of a student is required].

1-56 (e-4) The governing body of an open-enrollment charter  
1-57 school may not coerce, bribe, or induce a parent to sign a petition  
1-58 under Subsection (e-2).

1-59 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016  
1-60 school year.

2-1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-5 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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